



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Wizard Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-085084 and Forest Practices Application No. 2920296. This is a variable retention harvest of 260 acres in 8 units, with 29,281 feet of road construction, 6,845 feet of road reconstruction, 9,468 feet of pre-haul maintenance, and 961 feet of road abandonment.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Within Unit 3 of the Wizard timber sale the inner zone of the type 3 stream will be impacted by a culvert extension. To meet DNR's Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy (RFRS) commitments one log from the largest cut conifer diameter class will be placed across the stream that lies adjacent to the road that accesses this Unit. In addition, 10 red alder trees with their root balls attached will be placed on the down-stream side of the Type 3 stream and all available grubbed stumps from within the inner zone will be placed 50 feet from the road in the middle and outer zones of the associated Riparian Management Zone (RMZ). A Hydraulics Project Approval (HPA) issued by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will provide further details on this mitigation.
- RMZs averaging 190 feet wide on type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- A leave tree island was left to contribute an unbroken wildlife corridor between the RMZs that are adjacent to each other in Unit 2 and Unit 3.
- Leave trees were placed to protect areas where shallow, rapid landslides were observed in Unit 5.
- The ~ 5 miles of new road construction will generally be located on ridges.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 12 and 13, Township 16 North, Range 06 West, W.M., approximately 12 miles by road, southwest of Porter; and Sections 17, 20 and 21, Township 16 North, Range 05 West, W.M., approximately 9 miles by road, south of Porter, off the R-Line road systems in Grays Harbor County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from December 2, 2009. Comments must be submitted by December 16, 2009.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.